1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Resi Cooper is authorized to testify in the case of James McKoy v. North Fork Services/Joint Venture, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Resi Cooper in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's calendar: Calendar Nos. 514 through 535.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action. and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en block are as follows:

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004.

Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, to be Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July

Allison Druin, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July

Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term of six years.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2008.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon tomorrow, Tuesday, January 27. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 3108, the pensions bill, with the time until 12:30 equally divided between the bill's managers or their designees.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly policy luncheons. In addition, I ask unanimous consent that the time from 2:15 to 2:30 be equally divided between Senators KYL and BAUCUS or their designees; provided that at 2:30the Senate proceed to a vote on or in relation to the Kyl amendment No. 2234, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3108, the pensions bill. Under the previous order, at 2:30, the Senate will proceed to vote on or in relation to the Kyl amendment No. 2234.

It is our intention to complete action on this bill no later than Wednesday of this week. Again, I encourage all Members who wish to offer amendments to contact the bill managers so they can establish an order for amendment consideration. I also inform all Senators that additional rollcall votes should be anticipated during tomorrow's session.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY. JANUARY 27, 2004

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:52 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 26, 2004:

AMTRAK

LOUIS S. THOMPSON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOHN ROBERT SMITH, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KIRK VAN TINE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE MICHAEL P. JACK-SON, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

PETER EIDE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOSEPH SWERDZEWSKI, RE-SIGNED.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

SUSANNE T. MARSHALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERIT SYSTEM PROTECTION BOARD, VICE BETH SUSAN SLAVET.

NEIL MCPHIE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2009, VICE BETH SUSAN SLAVET, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

JAMES C. MILLER III, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2010, VICE EINAR V. DYHRKOPP, TERM EXPIRED.

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

DAVID B. RIVKIN, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, VICE LARAMIE FAITH MCNAMARA.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 26, 2004:

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

JOSE ANTONIO APONTE, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 19,

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

SANDRA FRANCES ASHWORTH, OF IDAHO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES